Country-wide strike by workers of unorganized sector

1166. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that workers of the unorganized sector went on country-wide strike on 8th August, 2007;

(b) if so, what are their main demands; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to meet their demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main demand was to enact two separate and comprehensive legislations for the Agricultural Workers and the Unorganised Sector workers covering all aspects of protection, including the conditions of work and social security.

(c) The proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Central Advisory Committee on Beedi Workers Welfare Fund

1167. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Advisory Committee on Beedi Workers Welfare Fund was informed on 23rd June, 2006, that the non-collection of cess from small manufacturers of beedi less than that 20 lakh is being reconsidered by Government; and

(b) if so, the status of re-consideration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under examination.

Alleged anti-labour practices in ESI Corporation, West Bengal

1168. SHRI SK. KHABIRUDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the activities of Additional Commissioner and Regional Director of ESI Corporation, West Bengal indulging anti-labour practices in the organisation and closing nine branch offices; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to establish cohesive working atmosphere in the organisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Based on a Work Study